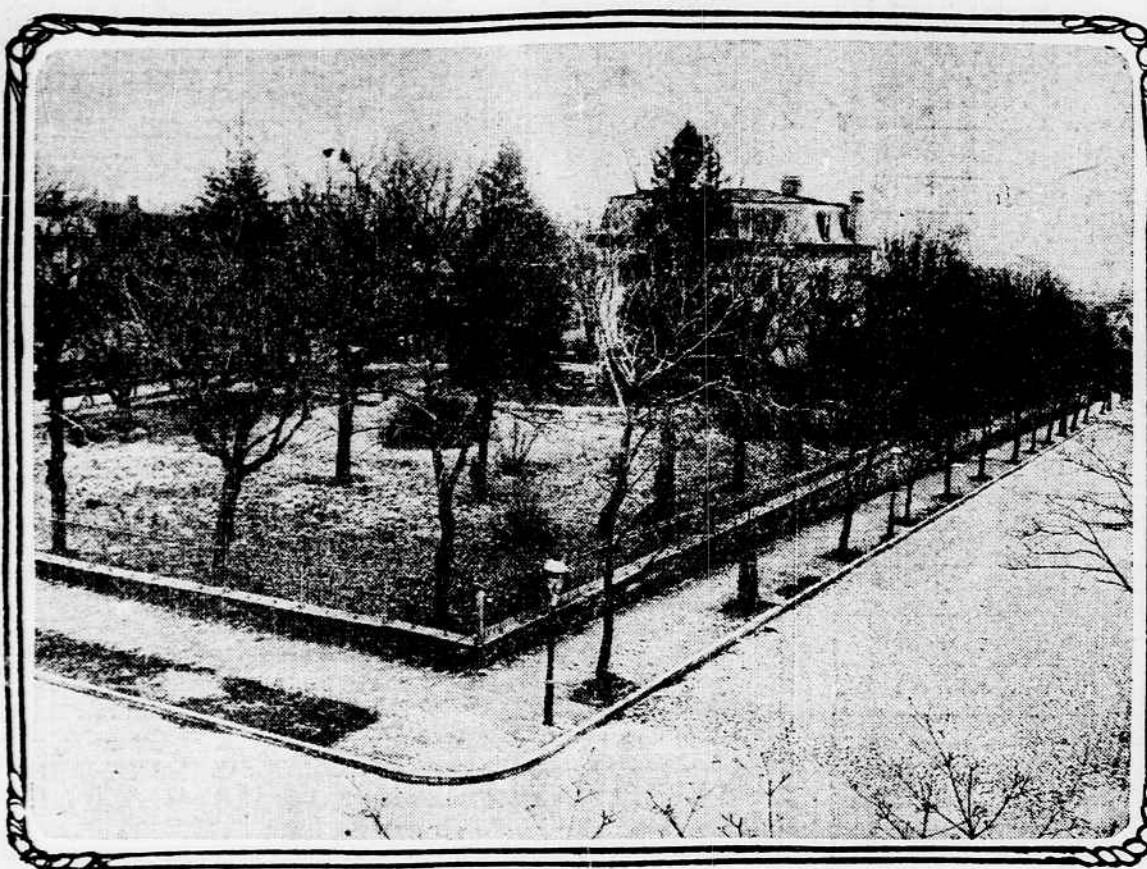


## HISTORIC ALEXANDER HOME CHANGES HANDS.

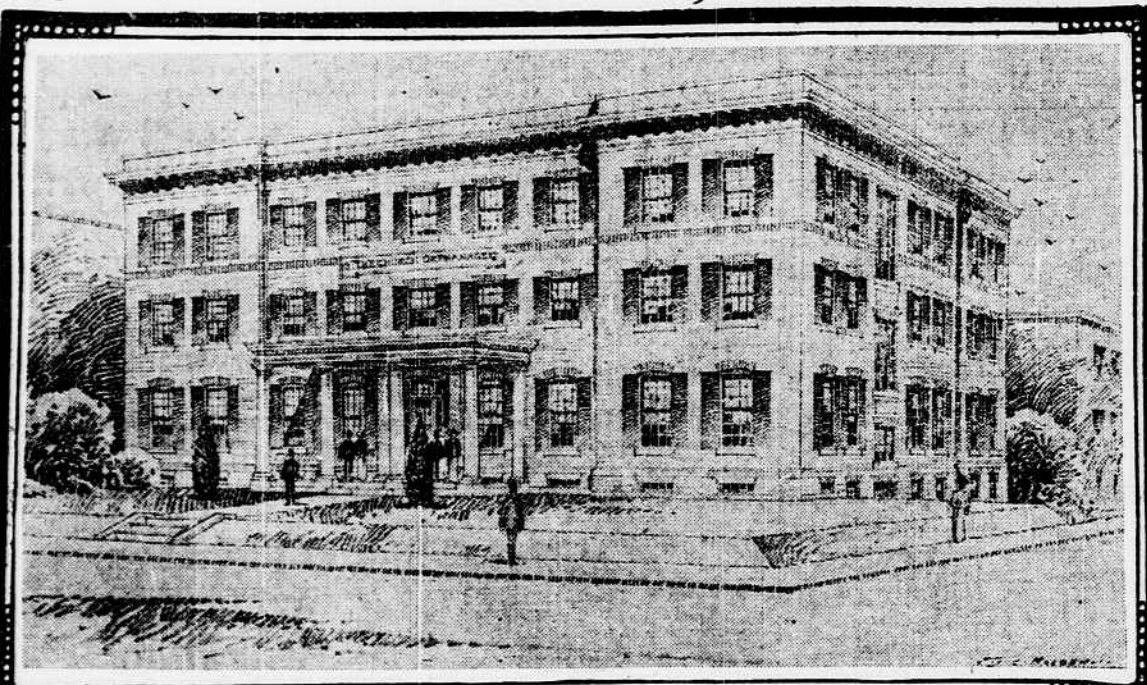


A deed has been placed on record transferring the ownership of the home of the late Columbus Alexander on R street between 25th and 30th streets northwest from James B. Archer and Paul E. Lash, trustees for the estate, to J. Mandeville Carlisle. The price paid for the property was \$27,500. The sale was negotiated by Randall H. Hagner. The Columbus Alexander house is one

of the many historic homes in Georgetown. It stands in the center of a large lot, having a frontage on R street of 128 feet and on 30th street of 461 feet. The house was erected about forty years ago. It is three stories high and on each floor there is a large center hallway. It is said the purchaser contemplates remodeling the house and modernizing

it in every respect, and that he will then occupy it as his home. Being on a high hill overlooking Georgetown, an excellent view of the Potomac river may be obtained from the windows on the south side of the house. The late Columbus Alexander and large real estate holdings in Washington. Following his death the estate was in litigation for a number of years.

## PROPOSED BUILDING FOR ST. JOHN'S ORPHANAGE



Plans for a new building for St. John's Orphanage, to be built at the corner of 25th and F streets northwest, have been prepared by Lynch Lupton, architect, of Boston. Arthur B. Heaton, an architect of this city, is to supervise the construction.

The building is to be three stories high and will have a frontage on F street of ninety-five feet. The main portion of the building will be fifty-four feet deep, and there also will be a wing thirty-two feet deep. It is to be built of red brick with limestone trimming. At the front of the building there will be a portico of the colonial type which will shelter the main entrance. On the first floor there will be a center hallway, at one end of which will be a chapel. On either side of an entrance hall will be office rooms. There will be two large classrooms, a kindergarten room, library, sewing room and clothes storage room on this floor. Two large dormitories, an infirmary, dressing rooms and suites of rooms for the matron will be located on the second floor. A doorway will lead on to a roof playground, which will be above the wing in the rear of the main building where the kitchen will be located. Dormitories for girls will be provided on the third floor.

## URGES DEVELOPING OF CITIES' SUBURBS

Realty Journal Says Improvement of Outlying Sections Benefits Entire Community.

"We feel that the real estate broker could do no better than to lead his aid to the development of the suburbs of the large cities and to the encouragement of the workers in a city to reside in such suburbs," reads an editorial of the National Real Estate Journal. "The greatest jumps in valuation are naturally to be found in the heart of the great cities where prices are quoted by the millions of dollars, but in this only a small part of the residents of a city can be directly interested."

"The advancement of the interest of the suburbs, whether they be manufacturing or residential, means the increase in the value of property in the central part of the city, and it means more than this. It means a broadening of the city's influence, a gain in the valuations of the suburbs, a better and healthier condition of those who earn their daily bread within the city or near it."

"The suburbs are the lungs of the great city. They offer to those who have to work within its limits a place to which they can retire at night, and secure the ozone which is needed for the recuperation of the body, worn out by the toil of the day."

"Suburban property should not be overlooked. It is absolutely essential to the right growth of a city, and we should be most pleased if we were to hear from the sneering remarks that are sometimes made at the expense of the commuter."

## Birds of Fashion.

Perhaps the bird best known by name to those interested in the plumage question is the egret or white heron, from which the beautiful egret plumes, now worth from eight to twelve pounds an ounce, are taken. Interest in this bird is the greater because it is known that the osprey is not part of the bird's regular plumage, but is assumed before breeding time, and shed by the time the young are reared. In tropical countries many of the white herons are shot by native hunters as soon as the nuptial plumage is ripe, and in this way the heron colony may suffer seriously, the young being unable to look after themselves.

## SAYS SUBURBAN HOME SHOULD HAVE GARDEN

Small Plot Will Provide Bountiful Supply of Vegetables, Writer Declares.

Gives Suggestions for Arranging Beds and Planting of Seeds.

With the constantly increasing cost of living, I have been for some time of the opinion that the practical solution of this problem for the mass of average circumstances lies in the garden possibilities of his vacant ground, says Peter Henderson, in the New York Times. At least one-third of the living expenses of the average family during the summer are for things that should come out of the garden.

The expenditure of a very small amount for seeds, together with a reasonable amount of care and attention, will give an ordinary family all the vegetables needed during the summer. A space twenty-five by fifty feet, or less than the average suburban back yard, is amply sufficient if used with care.

Choose, if possible, a level location, or, if there be a slope, it should be toward the south. A wind-break—hedge, board fence or wall—on the north and north-west facilitates earliness of crops. The soil for at least a foot in depth should be prepared, so that it will be rich, mellow and friable. This is accomplished by adding humus, which increases the moisture-holding, food-dissolving capacity of soil. Leaf mold and rotted stable manure form ideal humus, but where the former is not available a crop of crimson clover sown the summer before and turned under with manure in the spring is a low-priced and excellent method of enriching the soil.

## Requires More Labor.

The old-style method of raised beds or beds, often bordered with grass, parsley or some dwarf edging plant, makes a pretty garden, but requires more time and labor to cultivate and keep in order than a garden planted on the level. The rows, if practicable, should run nearly north and south, thus getting the full benefit of the forenoon sun on the east side of the rows and the afternoon sun on the opposite side, and for the same reason tall-growing plants—corn, peas, pole beans, tomatoes, etc.—should be planted north of the dwarf crops, so development of the latter will not be retarded by shade.

Perennial crops, those that remain in the ground year after year, such as asparagus, rhubarb, artichokes, chives, herbs, mint, sage, kale, fruit plants, etc., should be planted on one end or side of the garden and not be jumbled promiscuously, thus interfering with soil manipulation for the annual vegetables and their situations for proper rotation. Another thing to be considered is the placing of rows of crops requiring the same distances between rows in continuous succession, lengthwise of the garden, preferably, and as free from paths across the rows as possible, so the wheel hoe and cultivator may be advantageously used before being altered for rows of a different width. It may be stated here that a good hand-power wheel hoe with its accessories is now considered

## NEW BUILDING FOR HARDWARE CONCERN



A five-story building, having a frontage of 40 feet and a depth of 150 feet is being erected on the north side of C street between John Marshall place and 6th street northwest for the F. P. May Hardware Company, from plans prepared by B. Stanley Simmons, architect. The building is to be of fireproof construction. As a further safeguard a sprinkler system is to be installed. In order to carry the water off from each floor in the case of fire a series of gutters are to be placed in the walls at the level of each floor.

The building is to be of reinforced concrete construction in what is known as the spiderweb system. With this system the reinforcing bars extend from column to column and are interlaced at the column heads in a mushroom shape, doing away with girders and beams and leaving the ceiling level at all points. All the window frames and sashes are to be of metal, with wired glass panes.

An almost indispensable adjunct to up-to-date gardening operations.

## Level Ground Preferred.

Another advantage of planting your garden on the level is the more even distribution of water. In raised beds or ridged rows the rain or water from the hose runs off and away from the plants, which perhaps may be needing moisture badly. Then on the level and with a wheel-hoe the surface of ground that crists after rain can be promptly and quickly stirred, thus forming a soil mulch which checks evaporating and conserves the underground moisture.

If part of the land is low and moist such crops as celery, cabbages and late cabbages should be grown there, and if another portion is high, warm and dry that is the place for early vegetables that need quick and warm soil. Garden crops require frequent cultivation,

the front of the building will be of limestone up to the level of the second floor, and above that point tapestry brick will be used, with raked mortar joints. The building will cost approximately \$125,000. On the first floor there will be an elaborate sample room for displaying goods, private offices for the officers of the company, a large room for clerks and salesmen and an employees' luncheon room. Extending around the sample room there will be a gallery. The second, third, fourth and fifth floors will be used for the storage of stock. Receiving and shipping rooms will be provided on the first floor at the rear of the building, where there is a wide alley. A covered recess will be provided, under which wagons may be backed and thus be protected from the weather while the loading and unloading is in progress. There will be two stairways in the building and two electric elevators. Carriers and chutes to facilitate the handling of hardware will be installed.

Believes in "Firming."

I am a strong advocate of "firming" the soil over the seeds after sowing, especially when the soil is dry or likely to become so. I know of no operation

of more importance in either the farm or garden. Particularly in the sowing of seeds I consider the matter of such importance that it cannot be too often or too strongly told, for the loss to the agricultural and horticultural community by the neglect of the simple operation of firming the soil around the seeds must amount to many millions annually. For the mischief done is not confined only to the less important garden operations, but even corn, cotton, wheat, tomatoes and other important crops of the farm often fail, in hot and dry soils, by being sown without being firmly pressed sufficiently to prevent the dry air shivering or drying the seeds. Of course, the use of the feet is impracticable in firming seeds on the farm, but a heavy roller, applied after sowing, is an absolute necessity under certain conditions of the soil, to insure perfect germination.

## Advice for Beginners.

I beg to caution the inexperienced, however, by no means to tread or roll in seed if the ground is not dry. The soil may often be in a suitable condition to sow, and yet too damp to be trodden upon or rolled. In such cases these operations may not be necessary at all, for if rainy weather ensues, the seeds will germinate, of course, but if there is any likelihood of a continued drought, the treading

or rolling may be done a week or more after the seed has been sown, if there is any reason to believe that it may suffer from the dry, hot air. Another important advantage gained by treading in the seeds is that when we have crops of beets, celery, turnips, spinach, or anything else that is sown in rows, the seeds to form the crop come up at once, while the seeds of the weeds, that are just as liable to perish by the heat as are those of the crop, are retarded.

Of course, this rule of treading in or firming seeds after sowing must not be blindly followed. Early in spring or late in the fall, when the soil is damp and there is no danger from heated, dry air, there is no necessity for doing so.

## A Word for Doctors.

The physician who says a man is saturated with disease and makes bold to give that information concerning his patient secretly to a third party, is not true to his trust. Men who are sick go to their physicians to be healed, and not to furnish a subject for gossip. And it is well for society that this bond of secrecy exists; for if it did not the word of a physician would be doubted in some circumstances requiring that great reliance be placed on it.

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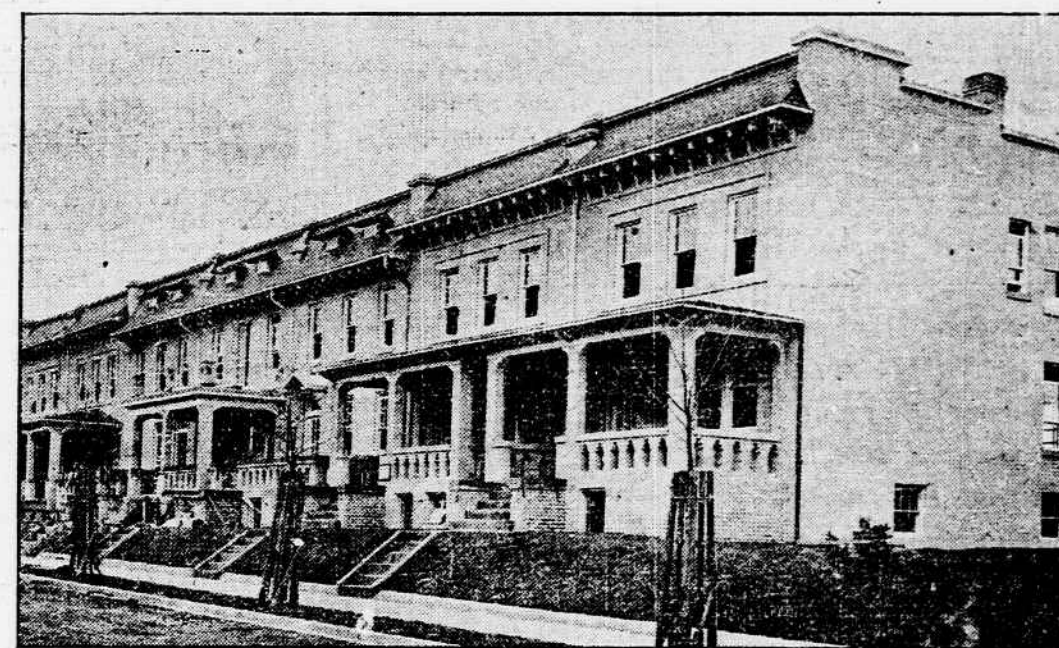
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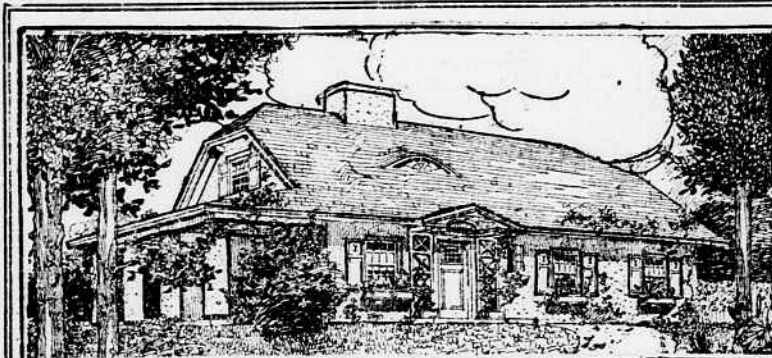
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